PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Roberta L. Goodman DOCKET NO.: 04-26554.001-R-1 PARCEL NO.: 04-01-415-013

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (hereinafter PTAB) are Roberta L. Goodman, the appellant, by attorney Mendy Pozin in Northbrook and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of a 11,700 square foot parcel of land containing a 45-year old, frame and masonry, two-story, single-family dwelling. The improvement contains 2,076 square feet of living area, two and one-half baths, air conditioning, a fireplace, and a partial, finished basement. The appellant, via counsel, argued that the fair market value of the subject is not accurately reflected in its assessed value as the bases for this appeal.

In support of the market value argument, the appellant submitted a computer generated appraisal with an effective date of August 23, 2003 valuing the subject property at \$439,303. The appraisal lists the name of the appraiser, but does not give the appraiser's credentials. In addition, the appraisal list 13 properties used as comparables for the appraisal, but does not include all the descriptive information on these properties nor the adjustments made. The appraisal also notes that there was

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>a reduction</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the <u>Cook</u> County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 20,124 IMPR.: \$ 41,814 TOTAL: \$ 61,938

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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not an inspection done of the subject property. The appraisal notes that the information contained within the appraisal was obtained from reliable sources, however it should not be considered guaranteed. Based upon this analysis, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review-Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's total assessment was \$70,288. The subject's assessment reflects a market value of \$439,300 using the level of assessment of 16% for Class 2 property as contained in the Cook County Real Property Assessment Classification Ordinance. The board also submitted copies of the property characteristic printouts for the subject as well as a total of four suggested comparables located within the subject's neighborhood. board's properties contain a two-story, frame and masonry, single-family dwelling with two or two and one-half baths, a fireplace, and, for three properties, a partial or full, finished basement. In addition, three properties contain air conditioning. The improvements range: in age from 48 to 51 years; in size from 1,787 to 2,422 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$24.07 to \$28.41 per square foot of living area. In addition, the board submitted copies of its file from the board of review's level appeal. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

At hearing, the appellant's attorney, Mendy Pozin, submitted a closing statement evidencing that the subject property subsequently sold in September 2005 for \$620,000. Without objection, this document was entered into evidence. Mr. Pozin asked for an assessment that reflects the appraisal or the 2005 sale.

The board of review's representative acknowledged that the subject sold in 2005 for \$620,000.

After considering the testimony and reviewing the record, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of these appeals.

As to the market value argument, when overvaluation is claimed the appellant has the burden of proving the value of the property by a preponderance of the evidence. National City Bank of Michigan/Illinois v. Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board, 331Ill.App.3d 1038 (3rd Dist. 2002); Winnebago County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 313 Ill.App.3d 179 (2nd Dist. 2000). Proof of market value may consist of an appraisal, a recent arm's length sale of the subject property, recent sales of comparable properties, or recent construction costs of the subject property. 86 Ill.Admin.Code 1910.65(c). Having considered

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the evidence presented, the PTAB concludes that the evidence indicates a reduction is warranted.

The PTAB finds the best evidence of value is the sale of the subject in September 2005 for \$620,000. Therefore, the PTAB finds that the subject property had a market value of \$620,000 as of the January 1, 2004 assessment date. Since the market value of the subject has been established, the 2004 median level of assessment for Cook County Class 2 property of 9.99% will apply. In applying this level of assessment to the subject, the total assessed value is \$61,938, while the subject's current total assessed value is above this amount at \$70,288. Therefore, the PTAB finds that a reduction based on market value is warranted. Since the PTAB found a reduction is required, the equity argument does not need to be addressed.

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This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law $(735 \, \text{LCS} \, 5/3-101 \, \text{et seq.})$ and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

Chairman

Chairman

Member

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DISSENTING:

<u>C E R T I F I C A T I O N</u>

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: January 25, 2008

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

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"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A <u>PETITION AND EVIDENCE</u> WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.